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SUBJECT: MALTESE ON DIALOGUE WITH EUROPEANS

IN GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH MFA ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS BOTTAI AUGUST 21, CHARGE ASKED FOR ANY NEWS
ABOUT RELATIONS WITH MALTA. BOTTAI DESCRIBED AUGUST 11 NOTE IN
WHICH MALTESE SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF EUROPEAN INABILITY TO WORK
OUT FINANCIAL PACKAGE, MALTA WILL NOW EXPLORE THE OTHER, I.E.,
ARAB ROUTE. BOTTAI SAID THAT HE BLUNTLY TOLD THE MALTESE
CHARGE THAT DECISION WAS ABSURD AND THAT HE HOPED DIALOGUE
COULD BE CONTINUED. THE ITALIAN NOTE VERBALE WHICH FOLLOWED
WAS DESIGNED, ACCORDING TO BOTTAI, TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR
MINTOFF TO KEEP ALL DOORS OPEN AND TO ALLOW THE EUROPEANS TO
PURSUE DISCUSSIONS OF FINANCIAL PACKAGE. BOTTAI CONCLUDED
THAT WHILE ALL AGREE THAT MINTOFF IS HIGHLY UNPREDICTABLE,
GOI REMAINS SKEPTICAL THAT HE WOULD REALLY PLACE MALTA
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